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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/797,907	YETKINLER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Anu Ramana	3733	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the interview conducted on March 28, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 33,36-40,42-45 and 47.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the Attorney of Record, Bret E. Field, on March 28, 2007. See attached Interview Summary Form.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 3, line 1: replaced "6" with - - 6D - - to correct a minor typographical error.

On page 8, line 26: replaced "100,000 Hz\" with - - 100,000 Hz - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In the Claims:

In claim 33, after line 2 and before line 3: inserted

- - engaging a needle holder with a threaded recess in a vibratory element; - -
- - seating a needle in the needle holder; - -

In claim 33, line 3: replaced "said" with - - a - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 33, line 4: replaced "said (first occurrence)" with - - a - - and in the same line, inserted - - through the needle - - after "target bone site" to clarify claim language.

In claim 36, line 1: deleted "said" to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 36, line 2: deleted "cement is vibrated by applying" and in the same line inserted - - is applied - - after "force" and before "to" for clarity.

In claim 40, line 3: deleted "composition" to correct a minor typographical error.

Canceled claims 34, 35, 48-50, 53 and 54.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The claims in the instant application have not been rejected using prior art because no references or a reasonable combination thereof, could be found which disclose or suggest a method introducing a calcium phosphate cement composition including the steps of: engaging a needle holder with a threaded recess in a vibratory element; seating a needle in the needle holder; positioning a hardware device at a target bone site; and delivering a calcium phosphate cement composition to the target bone site through the needle to produce a composite fixation structure of the hardware device and cement at the target site, wherein the cement is vibrated as it is delivered to the target bone site in a manner such that penetration of cement into the target bone site stops substantially simultaneously with cessation of vibration as set forth in claim 33.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anu Ramana whose telephone number is (571) 272-4718. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached at (571) 272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anu Ramana", is positioned above the printed name.

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